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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application by Wisconsin Power and Light Company to Construct up to
200 MW of Wind Generation to be Called Bent Tree Wind Farm, in
Freeborn County, in South Central Minnesota

6680-CE-173

NOTICE OF HEARING

Commission staff Direct and Party Rebuttal Testimony Due:	Friday, February 27, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.
Surrebuttal Testimony Due:	Friday, April 10, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.
Hearing Date:	Tuesday, April 28, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
Hearing Location:	Public Service Commission, Amnicon Falls Hearing Room - 1st Floor, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin
This docket uses the Electronic Regulatory Filing system (ERF)	

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing in this docket on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times and places as determined by the Administrative Law Judge.

This case will be conducted as a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a). The Commission has authority to hold this hearing pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch. 196 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 4.

The issues in this docket are:

1. Does the application meet the requirements for issuance of a Certificate of Authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 112?
 - a. Is the project in the public interest?
 - b. Will the project substantially impair the efficiency of the service to the public utility?
 - c. Will the project provide facilities in excess of probable future requirements?
 - d. When placed in operation, will the project add to the cost of service without proportionately increasing value or available quantity of service?
 - e. Is this a Type III application under Wis. Admin. Code § 4.10(3) and were the criteria met?
2. Are there any securities to be issued with respect to this application in compliance with Wis. Stat. chs. 196 and 201?

3. How is the application impacted by the state energy policy set forth at Wis. Stat. §§ 1.12, 196.025 and 196.378?
4. Has Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) considered all alternate methods, locations and routes to comply with Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 112.06 and Wis. Stat. § 196.49, including alternative proposals for alternate methods, locations and routes submitted by third parties?
5. What is the projected hourly locational marginal pricing difference between the Iowa node where Bent Tree will connect and the WP&L load node in 2010? How will this impact WP&L ratepayers?
6. What order terms or conditions are appropriate to ensure compliance with the standards under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 112.06?

Any person may testify at a public hearing session or participate in the hearing process in one of the following other ways:

1. Submit written comments at a public hearing session instead of testifying;
2. File or fax (to 608- 266-3957) written comments or post electronic comments (at <http://psc.wi.gov/apps/dockets/comment.aspx>) no later than April 24, 2009, at 11:59 p.m.


Comments are subject to objection to the same extent as is testimony.

All documents filed in this docket are available by following the Electronic Regulatory Filing System link on the Commission's website at <http://psc.wi.gov>.

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, January 22, 2009

For the Commission:



Jeffrey J. Patzke
Administrative Law Judge